



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Staples, et al.)
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Title: Reagents for Assays for Ligands) Examiner: Devi, S.
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PETITION FOR 2 MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a), applicant respectfully petitions for a 2 month extension of time to file a Response to the Final Rejection. The new time for filing such Response will be ~~November 30, 2003~~, extended pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.136(a) and 1.17(a).

December 8, 2003 CBT

Please charge Deposit Account No. 04-0010 for Four hundred Twenty dollars and no/100 (\$420) for the extension of time fee. An original plus two copies of this letter are enclosed for accounting purposes. If any other charges are incurred or credited, please charge Deposit Account shown above.

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